

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Confirmation No.: 3967

Massimo MALAVASI et al.

Art Unit: 3743

Application No.: 10/553,784

Examiner: David J. LAUX

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For: METHOD AND PLANT FOR THE TREATMENT OF MATERIALS, IN
PARTICULAR WASTE MATERIALS AND REFUSE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Date: October 26, 2009

Sir:

Coupled with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, Applicants request that, prior to initial examination, the above application be **FURTHER** amended as shown below. This paper is in reply to the final Office Action dated June 24, 2009, the period to respond being extended one month from September 24, 2009 to October 24, 2009, with payment of the appropriate fees.

Amendments to the **Claims** begin on page 2.

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